

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 36-83 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 15 are amended and claims 36-83 are added. Further, claim 16-35 are canceled. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER AND CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Applicants appreciate the indication at page 3 of the Office Action that claims 2-6, 8-12 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten to be in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 15 are amended to be in independent form, including all of the features of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 15 define patentable subject matter. Claims 3, 5, 10, 11 and 12 depend from the respective independent claims and therefore also define patentable subject matter.

II. §102 REJECTIONS

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 7, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,207,301 B1 to Ohnishi et al. (Ohnishi). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In particular, Ohnishi does not teach, disclose or even suggest a composition comprising an organic EL material and a solvent comprising at least one benzene derivative having 1 or more substituents, and these substituents having 3 or more carbon atoms in total, as recited in independent claim 1.

Ohnishi instead discloses an organic electroluminescent device produced by using a polymetric fluorescent substance that can be dissolved in a solvent that includes chloroform, methylene chloride, dichloroethane, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, xylene, mesitylene, decahydronaphthalene, n-butylbenzene and the like. See, for example, col. 1, lines 1-10 and col. 13, lines 25-31.

For at least the reasons discussed above, claim 1 is not anticipated by Ohnishi. Claims 1, 7, 13, 14 and 16-18 depend from claim 1, and thus include all of its features. Accordingly, these dependent claims are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Furthermore, newly added claims 36-83 are also allowable for at least the reasons as discussed above.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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